

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 7-9, 18-20, 22, 25, 28-30, 39-41, 43, 46, 49-51, 60-62, and 68-69, such that claims 1-64 and 67-69 remain pending in this Application.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-64 and 67-69 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, requesting that Applicants amend the claims to correct certain formal matters. In particular, the Examiner suggested changing “the index” to “the product index” in all of the independent claims and relevant dependent claims. In claim 22, the Examiner also suggested changing “programming” to “program” and changing “...a memory having program instructions...” to “a memory having program instructions stored thereon....” In response, Applicants have amended the claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner also objected to the language “including configured to” in the “create a data structure” clause of claim 22. In response, Applicants have amended claim 22 to remove the “including configured to” language, such that the claim now recites that the processor is configured to: “create a first data structure for entity-level purchasing data and a second data structure for group-level purchasing data related to the purchasing group.”


Applicants thus submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome, and respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection. Further, since no other rejections remain, Applicants request timely allowance of pending claims 1-64 and 67-69.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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